

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1, 2, 6-11, 16, and 17. Therefore, claims 3-5, 12-15, and 18-21 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

Claims 3-5, 12-15, and 18-21

In the Decision on Appeal (Appeal No. 2006-1054), dated July 11, 2006, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences indicates that the §103(a) rejection of claims 3-5, 12-15, and 18-21 is not sustained (Decision on Appeal, page 7). Therefore, claim 3 (from which claims 4 and 5 depend), claim 12 (from which claims 13-15 depend), and claim 18 (from which claims 19-21 depend) are rewritten into independent form. Specifically, claim 3 is rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2; claim 12 is rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1, 9, 10, and 11; and claim 18 is rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1, 9, 16, and 17.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 3-5, 12-15, and 18-21.

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 16, and 17

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 16, and 17 are cancelled.

Conclusion

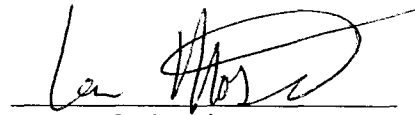
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECISION ON APPEAL
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